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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

December 31, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2028
P.O. Box 94604
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Jim Pillen, Governor

Re: Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act Report

Dear Mr. Metzler,

Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-1134, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Developmental Disabilities is submitting this communication as the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA) annual report for state fiscal year 2025.

When an individual has been adjudicated as a person in need of court-ordered custody and treatment under the DDCOCA, the DHHS is required to evaluate the individual and develop a plan for custody and treatment, in the least restrictive alternative. If the court approves the plan, such custody and treatment will continue until an annual review hearing before the same court, where the plan may be continued, revised or discontinued, depending on the circumstances.

During the 2025 fiscal year, \$12,355,983.17 was spent to provide services to individuals affected by the DDCOCA from the DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities. Attached is a summary of the cases and historical data on this Act since its implementation in fiscal year 2014/2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information.

Respectfully,

Tony Green, Director
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachment

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Court- Ordered Custody Act Report

December 2025

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-1134

Developmental Disabilities Court Ordered Custody Act Report

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

| | County | DDCOCA Begin Date | DDCOCA End Date | DD Eligible | Funding Source | Current Residence/Service Setting | 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Cost | Case Status |
|----|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Lancaster | 8/29/2009 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$163,912.96 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 2 | Lancaster | 3/24/2011 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$148,917.17 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 3 | Lancaster | 5/2/2011 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$198,356.55 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 4 | Lancaster | 12/7/2011 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$198,748.96 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 5 | Lancaster | 5/29/2014 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$294,217.39 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 6 | Saunders | 5/29/2014 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$235,145.75 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 7 | Gage | 4/14/2015 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$229,346.71 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 8 | Otoe | 1/12/2016 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$154,040.06 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 9 | Sarpy | 6/13/2016 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$230,011.34 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 10 | Phelps | 7/19/2016 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$302,531.53 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 11 | Madison | 11/21/2016 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$304,302.33 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 12 | Douglas | 3/2/2017 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$219,413.80 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 13 | Cheyenne | 6/28/2017 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$258,661.60 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 14 | Sarpy | 11/7/2018 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$451,174.61 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 15 | Washington | 2/14/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$261,377.57 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 16 | Colfax | 5/23/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$289,648.43 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 17 | Madison | 7/29/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Beatrice Development Center | \$484,220.91 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 18 | Sarpy | 8/12/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$236,371.76 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 19 | Saunders | 9/17/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$143,613.02 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 20 | Johnson | 10/7/2019 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$260,942.48 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 21 | Platte | 4/21/2020 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$272,212.79 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 22 | Butler | 9/8/2020 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$187,980.40 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 23 | Scottsbluff | 9/11/2020 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$422,638.48 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |

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| 24 | Douglas | 11/10/2020 | | No | DDAID | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$255,712.66 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 25 | Colfax | 12/15/2020 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$544,912.67 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 26 | Lancaster | 1/7/2021 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$212,793.62 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 27 | Douglas | 5/4/2021 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$321,087.17 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 28 | Madison | 7/28/2021 | | No | DDAID | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$250,317.64 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 29 | Lancaster | 10/28/2021 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$516,227.05 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 30 | Sarpy | 11/5/2021 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$666,409.30 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 31 | Cass | 3/7/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$198,493.43 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 32 | Madison | 4/21/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$634,115.26 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 33 | Sarpy | 5/17/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$371,730.53 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 34 | Douglas | 5/24/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$242,668.17 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 35 | Douglas | 7/8/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$177,152.38 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 36 | Sarpy | 7/19/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$176,750.13 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 37 | Dodge | 8/17/2022 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$289,628.27 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 38 | Lancaster | 5/30/2023 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Norfolk Regional Center | \$18,457.27 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 39 | Douglas | 6/12/2023 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$652,076.75 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 40 | Douglas | 8/8/2023 | | No | DDAID | Independent Living | \$39,224.07 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 41 | Madison | 11/16/2023 | | No | DDAID | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$22,374.43 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 42 | Buffalo | 5/10/2024 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$257,882.49 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 43 | Sarpy | 8/22/2024 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Shared Living Provider with DD Community Based provider | \$127,499.07 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 44 | Cass | 9/23/2024 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$85,875.89 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 45 | Douglas | 12/9/2024 | | No | DDAID | Beatrice Development Center | \$27,622.20 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 46 | Douglas | 3/15/2025 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$148,925.49 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |
| 47 | Buffalo | 5/15/2025 | | Yes | HCBS Waiver | Group Home with DD Community Based Provider | \$170,260.63 | Plan implemented and monitored by court |

Historical Data DDCOCA Participant Cost Report

| Fiscal Year | New Cases | Closed Cases | Total Served | EOY Carryover | Total Expense | Cost per Participant |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2014/15 | | | 13 | 13 | \$ 1,605,487 | \$ 123,499 |
| 2015/16 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 16 | \$ 1,974,495 | \$ 123,406 |
| 2016/17 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 19 | \$ 2,277,701 | \$ 108,462 |
| 2017/18 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 21 | \$ 3,836,720 | \$ 159,863 |
| 2018/19 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 25 | \$ 5,497,334 | \$ 219,893 |
| 2019/20 | 8 | 2 | 33 | 31 | \$ 7,701,890 | \$ 233,391 |
| 2020/21 | 8 | 1 | 39 | 38 | \$ 8,337,020 | \$ 208,273 |
| 2021/22 | 7 | 1 | 45 | 44 | \$ 7,983,140 | \$ 177,403 |
| 2022/23 | 7 | 5 | 51 | 46 | \$ 12,399,924 | \$ 243,136 |
| 2023/24 | 1 | 7 | 47 | 40 | \$ 13,054,544 | \$ 277,756 |
| 2024/25 | 7 | 0 | 47 | 47 | \$ 12,355,983 | \$ 262,893 |